

**PARKS, GREENWAYS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA**

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 15, 2022

**Virtual Meeting
Chapel Hill, NC**

Roll Call: Tyler Steelman (Chair), Leah Boucher (Vice Chair), Alice Armstrong (Orange County Representative), Jeanette Bench, Hallie Cherry, William Kaiser, Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga, Wesley McMahon, Renuka Soll and Emerson Krause (Youth Council Representative)

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Welcome and Roll Call – Chair
- 7:05 p.m. 2. Approval of Minutes (January 18, 2022)
- 7:10 p.m. 3. Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons, and Staff
- 7:15 p.m. 4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance – Chair
- 7:25 p.m. 5. Morgan Creek Greenway East Section Alternative Alignment – Marcia Purvis, Parks Planner, Gregory Georges and Patrick Mortell, Kings Mill Morgan Creek Neighborhood Representatives
- 7:45 p.m. 6. Cedar Falls and Hargraves Parks Tennis Court Projects – Update on Cedar Falls and Hargraves Parks Tennis Court Projects - Marcia Purvis, Project Manager, Brian Starky, Director WithersRavenel and Dan Greenberg, Project Landscape Architect, WithersRavenel
- 8:15 p.m. 7. Continuation of Parkland and Open Space Inventory Discussion - Phil Fleischmann, Director, and Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner
- 8:30 p.m. 10. Liaison reports
Liaisons may make a report on topics of interest to the entire Commission:
- Community Design Commission Steelman
 - Community Tree Committee Vacant
 - Cultural Arts Commission Kivihya-Ndugga
 - Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board Vacant
 - Friends of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation McMahon
 - Orange County Parks/Recreation Council Armstrong
 - Planning Commission Bench
 - Transportation & Connectivity Advisory Board Soll
 - Youth Council Krause
 - Racquet Sports (Tennis & Pickleball) Stakeholders Committees Soll
 - Splashpad Work Group Boucher

8:45 p.m. 11. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

3. Communications and Petitions:

Assembly of Governments Meeting – The elected boards of Orange County and the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough held a virtual meeting on January 25. One of the items discussed was parks, trails, and connectivity including the Morgan Creek Greenway Project. The video of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – A general input survey is open for all community members to express general interests regarding how funds should be spent. For more information www.townofchapelhill.org/arpa

Let's Talk Town – Town staff continue to be in different locations during January and February in order to promote opportunities to engage with Town government, provide input on a variety of matters, and learn more about programs and services. For more information including schedules visit <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/let-s-talk-town>

As part of the “Let’s Talk Town” program, department Staff has been conducting an in-person survey to receive input on improvements to the AD Clark Aquatics facilities, such as adding a Splash Pad. The survey will also be posted on the Department web page and promoted through social media this month.

Greenways, Sidepaths, and Parks Projects Progress: Following are brief updates. Commission members should feel free to contact the staff if they have any questions or comments.

Community Splash Pad Project – A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued on January 3, 2022, and six submissions were returned on January 28. Staff is working with the Splash Pad Work Group to evaluate the qualifications and recommend firm conduct the feasibility study this spring. The feasibility study will examine park locations and at least two public housing communities.

Southern Community Park Parking Lot Improvements - The parking lot and crosswalk lines throughout Southern Community Park were refreshed recently. Previously, the parking lot lines were barely visible. See photos below of the work that was completed.



Trail at Trinity Court - Park Maintenance staff and Scout Troop 835 refreshed a .3-mile-long natural surface trail which is in Town-owned open space adjacent to the planned Trinity Court Community Housing Project. There are plans to engage volunteers and eventually, residents in further improvements at the trail. Signage noting the trail access points will be put in place once completed. See before and after pictures below.



4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance:

5. Morgan Creek Greenway East Section Alternative Alignment – Marcia Purvis will introduce Gregory Georges and Patrick Mortell. Mr. Georges and Mr. Mortell will present an

alternative alignment for the East Section of Morgan Creek Trail utilizing Morgan Creek Road instead of Fordham Boulevard and request input from Commissioners.

6. Cedar Falls and Hargraves Parks Tennis Court Projects – Marcia Purvis, Brian Starky, and Dan Greenberg will share the input received from the public meeting held in December and the online survey that followed. The updated design documents for Cedar Falls will be shared for consideration by the Commission, and an update on planning for the project at Hargraves Park will be provided. Feedback from the Commissioners will be sought, and the Commission will be asked for a recommendation to proceed with both projects.

7. Parkland and Open Space Inventory Discussion - Phil Fleischmann and Marcia Purvis will present the latest revisions to the Parks, Greenways, and Open Space Interactive Map to address Commissioner's January 18, 2022, input. The Commissioner's feedback will be requested on the open space categories, and next steps for sharing the inventory.